

DON DE Next Week's Assembly Theme: Change for life—Healthy eating & exercise

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Reminder: Do not leave valuables on show in your car whilst dropping off and collecting children from school.

What's on Next Week					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm			KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm	Celebration Assembly 2.40	

Feedback and Marking in school

At Dordon we believe Feedback, both verbal and written, should provide constructive advice to every child, focusing on success and improvement needs against learning intentions. This enables children to become reflective learners and helps them to close the gap between current and desired performance.

Current research consistently shows that learning gains come from comments that tell pupils what they have demonstrated about their learning to the teacher, and what they need to do next to improve. Effective assessment for learning, with constructive, objective comments, can help to raise standards. Teachers who use a range of effective techniques for assessment, marking and feedback are more likely to be successful in raising standards.

At Dordon, Teachers lead the feedback and marking and use it as a means of ongoing assessment to inform future learning and set next steps. Teaching assistants and other adults working with children review all work they do with pupils and provide appropriate feedback, relative to the success criteria of the lesson. Children also review their own work or provide feedback to their peers. Children are trained in feedback and marking and have it modeled by the Teacher and Teaching Assistant so they fully understand the criteria.

Research has shown that the most influential form of feedback is verbal feedback to pupils. An essential part of Assessment for Learning is giving feedback to pupils, both to assess their current achievement and to indicate what their next steps should be. Giving verbal feedback at the point of learning enables children to make improvements and progress straight away. Verbal feedback is marked in books using a 'V' symbol at the point of the feedback. It is expected that progress, as a result of the feedback given, will be demonstrated in the pupil's work that follows on from this.

Teachers and Teaching Assistants might spend more time marking certain pieces of work to ensure that they can provide further good feedback. Teachers identify, as part of the planning process, key pieces of work that require written feedback to address next steps in learning and to support future progress. Marking might also involve pupils checking simpler tasks through self and/or peer-assessment.

Feedback is an essential part of effective learning. It helps pupils understand the subject being studied and gives them clear guidance on how to improve their learning. Feedback improves pupil's confidence, self-awareness and enthusiasm for their learning. As parents, it is important that you give your children verbal feedback related to work completed at home. This will support their learning and understanding and provide them opportunities to improve their work.

Mrs Cross Headteacher

Parents Evening (♥eSch∞ls

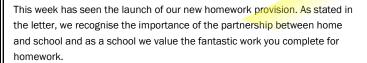
Parents Evenings are on Wednesday 15th March from 5.30pm to 8.00pm and Thursday 16th March from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. You will need to book your appointment via the eSchools website, remember to use your Parent login and if you have any problems the school office will be happy to help.



All photographs can be purchased via ParentPay for £3 per A4 colour copy.

Spot Light on Excellence...

Homework



The pattern of homework will remain the same across school with Monday and Thursday being the key days. The major difference is that maths and English tasks will alternate on Thursdays and the Monday homework is the 'Learn It' homework which incorporates the ten for ten, weekly spellings and time for maths targets.

This will allow longer to complete the written tasks which should impact on the quality of the work being produced. It will enable more time to spent learning the key facts for English and maths.

A final change is that the information that used to be sent home on Monday on the Home Learning sheet will now appear on the E-schools class page each week as we look to cut down on paper usage in school.

We are looking forward to seeing the positive impact these changes will have on standards in school.

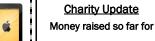
Mrs Cross



IPad App of the week Sketch Nation Studio & Sketch **Nation Galaxy by Engineous**

Games Inc. (both FREE)

Create and play your own games. Creating a game is super simple: Just draw the in game objects, play around with the customization options and before you know it, you will be enjoying your own self-created game!





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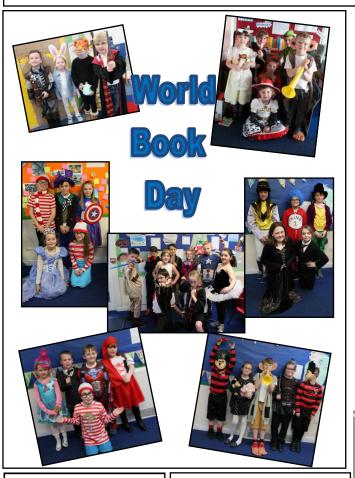
Please note that although we check the suitability of applications, they can be changed without notice

Who's Who at Dordon Primary

Hello I'm Miss McGroarty. I am one of the new additions here at Dordon. It has been exciting to take on a new role as Assistant Head of School and meet all the children and parents here.

I worked at Dordon four years ago when it was significantly smaller. The expansion and improvements which have taken place since then have been

I feel proud to be a part of the team again at Dordon and teach the amazing Falcon class.



Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

13/03/17 - Storyteller Visit Y1-6

15/03/17 - Parents Evening

16/03/17 - Parents Evening

05/04/17 - Easter Egg Bingo

5.15 - 7.15pm

06/04/17 - Deadline for Manor Adventure trip

payments

07/04/17 - Easter Egg Hunt

12.30pm

07/04/17 - Spring Term ends

24/04/17 - Staff Development Day

25/04/17 - Summer Term starts

08/05/17 - SAT's Week

29/05/17 - 02/06/17 - Half Term

09/06/17 - 12/06/17 - Manor

Adventure

21/07/17 - Term ends school

finishes at 1pm

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

Grandparent's Lunch

Thank you to all the Grandparent's who came into school on Wednesday it was lovely to see you all and we hope that you enjoyed your time in school as much as the children did. Also we must say a special thank you to one Grandparent, Mrs Fellows, who made a very generous donation of £20 to our Sponsored Charity.



CAMEO DANCE Est 2003 Fun Children's Dance Classes Held in Polesworth Classes For

Children From Age 2 ½ BALLET * TAP * ACROBATICS * MODERN Tuesdays (from Feb '17) & Fridays From

4:30pm Juniors (6-11yrs) Fridays from 5:30pm Memorial Hall Visit www.cameodance.co.uk Facebook

Charlotte Kate Cameo Call into the Tithe Barn from 4:30pm on Fridays or Call Liz on 07443421867 to arrange your child's

FREE TRIAL





This week Year 6 have been enjoying their learning in many different ways;

"Our new theme is called 'We'll Meet Again' and is about World War 2. Our key text is 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne and it is amazing." Annie

"I'm really enjoying learning about World War 2 as I find it a very interesting topic." Nathan D

"World Book Day was great we wrote poetry about World War 2 and I enjoyed seeing lots of people dressed up as book characters." Ella

"World Book Day was really fun. I liked seeing what other children had dressed as and listening to the poetry was really interesting," Preston

"I am looking forward to doing my SATS in May, we have been using revision guides to help as and we've all been working really hard." Nathan H

Thank you to all the children who paid to come to school in their own clothes on Friday 17th February, you raised £168.15 for our Sponsored Charity Cancer Research UK.

Music Lessons with Warwickshire County Music Service

Playing a musical instrument could be one of the best things your child ever does. A limited number of opportunities are available to learn musical instruments for children in Years 2-6 for Flute and Clarinet and Saxophone for Years 4-6. Lessons are paid on a termly basis and children receive a loan instrument free of charge for the first year. If you think you might like your child to learn a musical instrument please contact the school office.

Our Newlsetter

A newsletter goes out EVERY Friday. If yours does not come home, please return to school immediately to collect it. Alternatively you can read it on the school website - www.dordonprimaryschool.co.uk.

Peacock

Kingfisher

Swan

Owl

Swift

Hawk

Falcon

Last weeks	
Postcards Hor	пе

Peacock = Holly D

Kingfisher = Jack

Swan = Olivia

Owl = Iris

Swift = Harvey

Hawk = Josh G

Falcon = Anastasia

ocado.com The online supermarket

www.ocado.com/careers



www.cevalogistics.com

Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club Breakfast Club 7.45-8.35am. After School Club 3.00-5.30pm. Monday - Friday, term time only. For more information please contact Jack & Jill Preschool on 01827 899551 (Please note that once a session has been booked you

will be charged even if your

child does not arrive.)

********* <u>Attendance</u> Last Week

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